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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director, Office of General Services

SUBJECT: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "PROTECTION FOR REFUGEES" STAMPS AND DEFINITIVE STAMPS

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

1. On Friday, 29 April 1994, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three commemorative stamps on the theme "Protection for Refugees" to commemorate the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The stamps, illustrated below, were designed by Françoise Peyroux (France) of the Public Information Service of UNHCR. The stamps measure 25 mm x 35 mm, perforation to perforation (perforation: 14.4 x 14.85). They were printed in lithography by Leigh-Mardon Pty. Limited, Australia. The horizontal sheets each contain 50 stamps.

Denomination:	50 cents	F.s. 1,20	S 12
Quantity:	600,000	550,000	650,000

(United States equivalents - F.s. 1,20: 92 cents and S 12: $1.13 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

NEW DEFINITIVE STAMPS

2. Six new definitive stamps will also be issued on 29 April 1994. The stamps, in denominations of 10 cents, 19 cents, $1.00, 50 groschen, S 4 and S 30, shown below, will be issued to meet current and make-up postage rates and are printed in sheets of 50 stamps.

(a) The design of the 10 cent stamp is based on a mosaic reproduction of the "Dove of Peace", which was presented to the United Nations by Pope John Paul II.

(b) The 19 cent stamp is a detail of a stained glass depicting a "Sleeping Child", created after a drawing by the Polish painter, Stanislaw Wyspianski.

(c) The $1.00 stamp reproduces "Mourning Owl" by Vanessa Isitt (Canada).

(d) The 50g stamp is an adaptation of the design by Masatoshi Hioki (Japan) that was used for both the 1978 F.s. 0,35 definitive and the 1979 50g definitive stamps.

(e) The design of the F.s. 0,05 definitive stamp issued in March 1986 has been adapted for the S 4 stamp. Ramon Alcantara Rodriguez (Mexico) is the designer.

(f) The 15 cent definitive stamp issued in January 1979, which was designed by Eliezer Weishoff (Israel), has been adapted for the 1994 S 30 definitive.

(United States equivalents - 50g: 4 cents; S 4: 37 cents; and S 30: $2.82 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

3. Please note that when the new $1.00, 50g and S 4 definitive stamps are placed on sale on 29 April, that will be the last day of sale of the 1978 $1.00 and the 1979 50g and S 4 definitive stamps.

Denominations	Initial printing quantities	Sizes
10 cents	1,000,000	35.8 mm x 26 mm
19 cents	1,000,000	26 mm x 35.8 mm
$1.00	1,000,000	24.13 mm x 36.57 mm
50g	1,450,000	26 mm x 35.8 mm
S 4	1,150,000	26 mm x 35.8 mm
S 30	560,000	26 mm x 35.8 mm

4. Perforation size of all stamps in this issue is 13.

5. The $1.00 stamp has been printed in offset by Norges Banks Seddeltrykkeri (Norway). The five remaining definitive stamps have been printed in lithography by Cartor S.A. (France).

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachet ONLY.

7. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first day cancellations on Friday, 29 April, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.